ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for **OMB/DFM Contract No. MC1002000263** – **Absalom Jones Community Center** – **Cooling Tower Replacement** will be received by the State of Delaware, Office of Management and Budget, Division of Facilities Management, in the reception area of the Facilities Management Office in the Thomas Collins Building, 540 S. DuPont Highway, Suite 1 (Third Floor), Dover, DE 19901 until 2:30 p.m. local time on Thursday, January 7, 2016, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Conference Room. Bidder bears the risk of late delivery. Any bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened.

Project involves the following at the Absalom Jones Community Center located in Wilmington, Delaware: installing a new cooling tower with all associated piping, electrical and new pumps. Once the new tower is operational, then the removal of the existing cooling tower, plate and frame heat exchanger, two condenser pumps, all associated piping and electrical can be done. New system will be connected to the existing Building Automation System.

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at the Absalom Jones Community Center, 310 Kiamensi Road, Wilmington, Delaware, for the purpose of establishing the list of subcontractors and to answer questions. Representatives of each party to any Joint Venture must attend this meeting. ATTENDANCE OF THIS MEETING IS A PREREQUISITE FOR BIDDING ON THIS CONTRACT. All attendees will meet in the rear parking lot and will then be escorted to the meeting room.

Sealed bids shall be addressed to the Division of Facilities Management, 540 S. DuPont Highway, Suite 1 (Third Floor), Dover, DE 19901. The outer envelope should clearly indicate: "OMB/DFM CONTRACT NO. MC1002000263 – ABSALOM JONES COMMUNITY CENTER – COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT - SEALED BID - DO NOT OPEN."

Contract documents may be obtained at the office of DEDC, LLC, 315 S. Chapel Street, Newark, DE 19711 [phone (302) 738-7172], upon receipt of \$50.00 per set/non-refundable. Checks are to be made payable to "DEDC, LLC".

Construction documents will be available for review at the following locations: DEDC, LLC; Delaware Contractors Association; Associated Builders and Contractors.

Bidders will not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin in consideration of this award, and Minority Business Enterprises, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Women-Owned Business Enterprises and Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids on this contract. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid security equivalent to ten percent of the bid amount and all additive alternates. The successful bidder must post a performance bond and payment bond in a sum equal to 100 percent of the contract price upon execution of the contract. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities therein. The Owner may extend the time and place for the opening of the bids from that described in the advertisement, with not less than two calendar days notice by certified delivery, facsimile machine or other electronic means to those bidders receiving plans.